

Appl. No : 09/310,256
Amdt. dated : 08/25/03
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Examiner S. Ahmed is thanked for thoroughly reviewing the subject application.

In the "marked up" version of the claims, Claim 17 in the Amendment filed May 24, 2001 was inadvertently highlighted as being claim 18, resulting in two claims 18. The incorrectly numbered claim 18 has been amended to a correctly numbered claim 17.

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

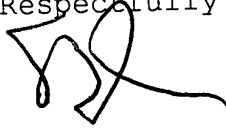
Other Considerations

No new independent or dependent claims have been written as a result of this office action, no new charges are therefore incurred due to this office action.

It is requested that, should Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, to call the undersigned Attorney at the Examiner's convenience at 845-452-5863 in order to overcome any problems preventing allowance of the claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'SBA', written over the closing text.

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